

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160 which would stop XM Satellite Radio from providing instant traffic and weather. I don't believe the government should facilitate NAB's attempts to monopolize local weather & traffic reporting; which I believe is unfair trade practices. Just as software companies are being prevented & penalized for their efforts to control the distribution of operating systems, the FCC should prevent NAB from quashing the public's right to choose. I choose not to listen to my local FM radio traffic and weather reports since a listener is subjected to non-sense DJ discussions and a barrage of commercials after which an outdated 10 second traffic report is delivered. One should ask what is the true agenda of the NAB - to prevent XM radio from providing better service or to eliminate the competition. The public should not be forced to listen to local radio stations for any particular service.